



# 2014 IRWM Drought Grants

Public Comment Meetings – Draft Guidelines and Proposal  
Solicitation Package

May 7, 9, and 12

Ventura, Fresno and Sacramento




# Drought Legislation Senate Bills 103 and 104

- ▶ Appropriated \$687.4 million
  - ▶ \$581.5 million to DWR
    - ▶ \$472.5 million in Proposition 84 IRWM funds, includes
      - ▶ \$200 Million to be expedited for drought projects
      - ▶ \$272.5 Million for IRWM projects
        - ▶ Up to \$21.8 Million to “backfill” 2014 Implementation Grant awards
      - ▶ Appropriated all remaining Proposition 84 IRWM funds
    - ▶ \$77 million in Proposition 1E funds for multi-purpose flood projects
    - ▶ \$30 million in Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds, includes
      - ▶ \$20 million for Water-Energy Grant Program
    - ▶ \$1 million for Save Our Water campaign
    - ▶ \$1 million for California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring




# Executive Order 1-17-2014 Order #6

- ▶ The Department of Water Resources and the Water Board will accelerate funding for water supply enhancement projects that can break ground this year and will explore if any existing unspent funds can be repurposed to enable near-term water conservation projects.
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# Executive Order 4-25-2014 Order #5

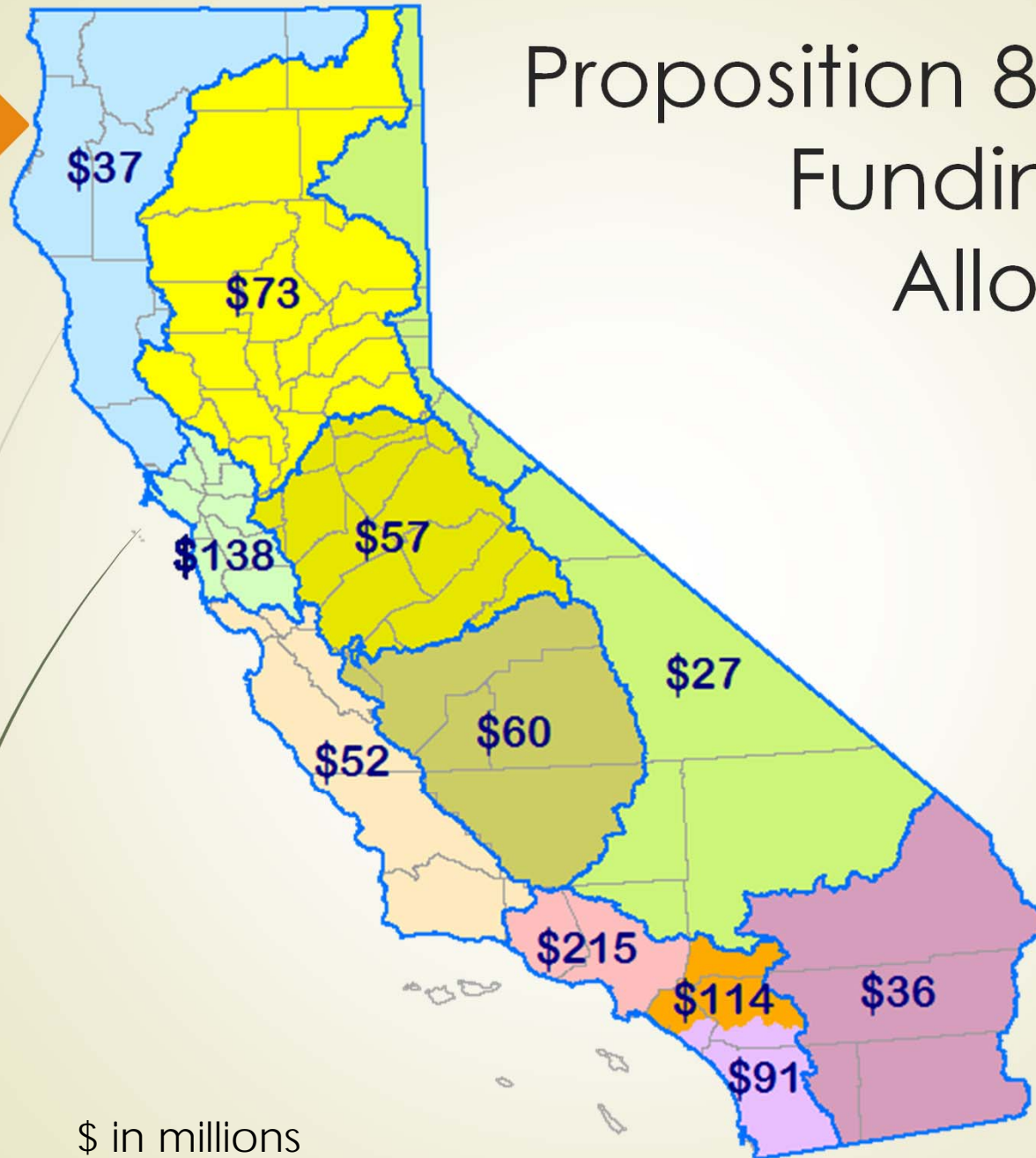
- All state agencies that distribute funding for projects that impact water resources, including groundwater resources, will require recipients of future financial assistance to have appropriate conservation and efficiency programs in place.



# Brief Overview of IRWM Funding

- Current funding from Proposition 84 (2006)
- \$1 billion
  - \$900 million allocated to 11 hydrologic region-based “funding areas”
  - \$100 million in interregional funding – fully allocated
  - Supports various actions
    - IRWM Implementation Grants - \$808.5 million (\$357M awarded)
    - IRWM Planning Grants – Fully awarded
    - Local Groundwater Assistance Grants – Fully awarded
    - Disadvantaged Community Assistance Pilot Program Grants – Fully awarded
    - Numerous other projects and program – Fully awarded

# Proposition 84 IRWM Funding Area Allocations



\$ in millions



# Status of 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation

- Expedited schedule
  - All IRWM program requirements remain in place
- April 3 – Release for public review and comment
- Public Workshops
  - May 7 - Ventura
  - May 9 - Fresno
  - May 12 - Sacramento
- May 15 – Public comments due





# Documents Released

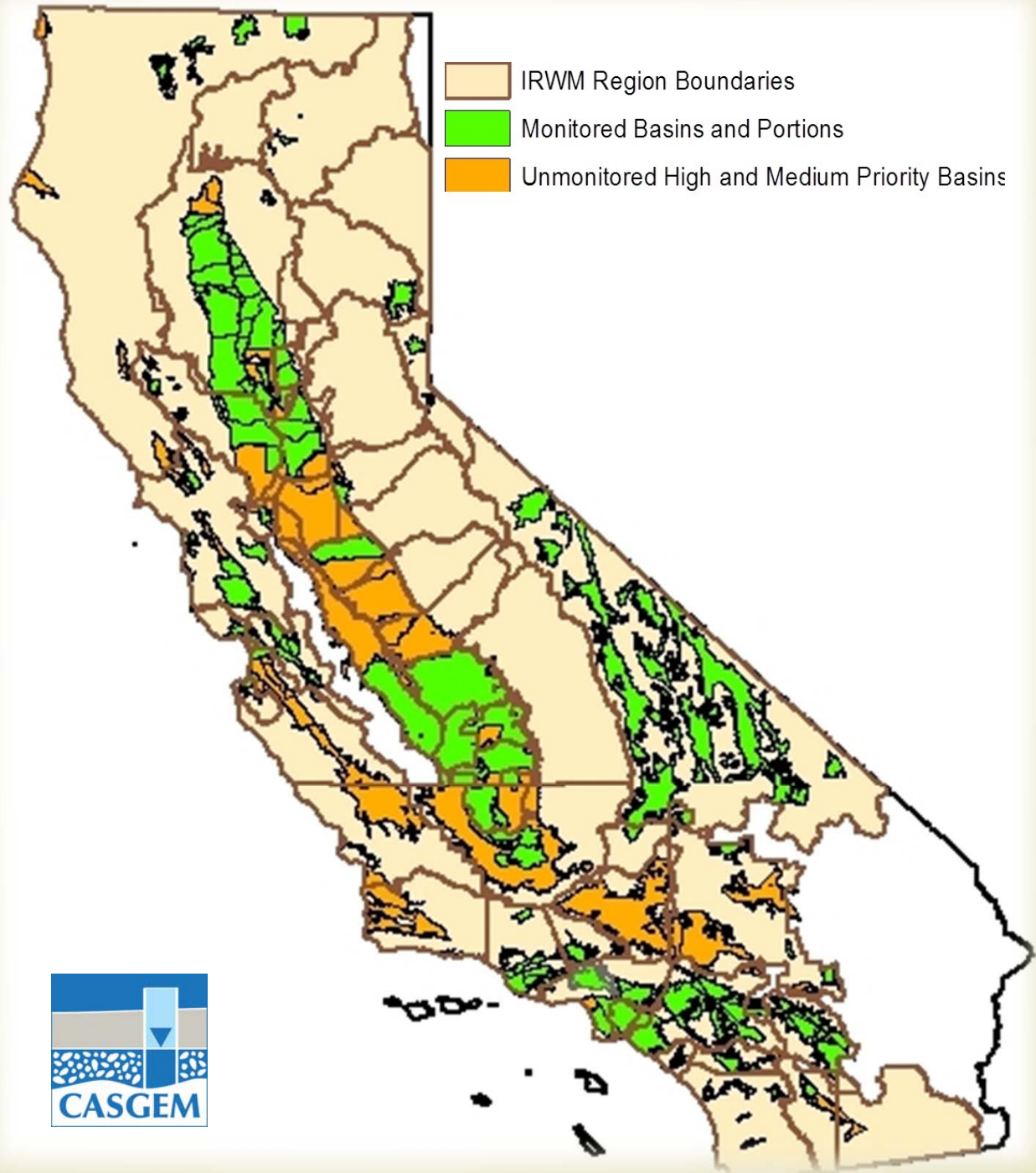
- ▶ Grant Program Guidelines
  - ▶ Intentionally limited changes to the guidelines, which include IRWM Plan Standards
  - ▶ Incorporated “new” requirements
    - ▶ Effective or enacted since issuance of 2012 Guidelines
- ▶ Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP)
  - ▶ Bulk of the changes (streamlining) occur in this document





# Guidelines “New” Requirements

- Human Right to Water
  - Enacted 2012
- Ag Water Management Plans
  - Enacted 2009
  - 1<sup>st</sup> plans due in 2013
  - Have consistency determinations for 2014 solicitation
- CASGEM
  - Enacted 2009
  - Basin prioritizations being finalized
  - Address at project proponent & applicant level
  - Targeting high & medium priority basins





# Guidelines Tribal Concerns

- ▶ Eligible Grant Applicants – Local Public Agencies & Non-profit Organizations
  - ▶ Clarified that federally recognized tribes can be members of a Joint Powers Agreement
  - ▶ JPAs are local public agencies
- ▶ Labor Code Compliance
  - ▶ Noted that tribal governments may have other labor compliance requirements or obligations
  - ▶ Consult with Department of Industrial Relations



# Guidelines Plan Review Process

- ▶ Review process revised to reflect additional solicitation
  - ▶ 60 days before application due date – last solicitation
    - ▶ Current schedule – 2015
  - ▶ Drought solicitation – Application due date
- ▶ Adopted plan condition of award
  - ▶ No “grandfather” clause
- ▶ Current status of PRP
  - ▶ Approximately 50% of the RWMGs have submitted
  - ▶ Initial suite of reviews being finalized



# PSP Streamlined

- ▶ Limited number of words/project
  - ▶ Example – Work Summary 500 words (1 page)/project
    - ▶ No supporting documentation required with application
    - ▶ Word count – Hard limit? Different metric?
- ▶ # of Pages – Was 68; Now 38
- ▶ # of Attachments – Was 13; Now 8
- ▶ # of Tables – Was 20; Now 9



# PSP Cost Reimbursement

- ▶ Costs Reimbursement
  - ▶ As of Governor's drought declaration – January 17, 2014
- ▶ Funding Match
  - ▶ Past costs back to January 1, 2010



# PSP

## Project Types

- ▶ In addition to being one of the 11 IRWM project elements, projects must also be one of the SB 104 drought project types:
  - ▶ Immediate drought preparedness
  - ▶ Water supply reliability and delivery of safe drinking water
  - ▶ Locally not cost effective water conservation programs and measures
  - ▶ Water quality or ecosystem conflict created by the drought





# PSP Attachment 1 Eligibility Requirements


- Criterion consolidated & updated
  - Authorizing Documentation
  - Eligible Applicant Documentation
  - Project Consistency with an adopted IRWM Plan
  - Urban Water Management Compliance
  - Agricultural Water Management Compliance
  - Surface Water Diverter Compliance
  - Groundwater Management Compliance
  - CASGEM Compliance
  - Water Conservation Programs and Measures



# PSP Attachment 2

## Drought Impacts

- Discuss the drought issues/impacts
  - 2014 Drought
  - Possible 2015 Drought/Dry Year
- Discuss how the proposed projects help



# PSP Attachment 3

## Project Justification


- ▶ Project Description
- ▶ Regional Map and Project Map
- ▶ Project Physical benefits
- ▶ Technical Analysis of Physical Benefits Claimed
- ▶ Annual Project Costs
  - ▶ Cost effectiveness – No economic analysis
- ▶ Monitoring of Project Performance



# PSP Attachments 4-6

## Work Summary, Schedule, and Budget

- ▶ Work Plan not required with application
  - ▶ Due within 30 days of award notification
  - ▶ Along with other items or risk award
- ▶ Schedule
  - ▶ Same as prior solicitations
- ▶ Budget
  - ▶ Summary level detail
  - ▶ Backup documentation due within 30 days of award notification



# PSP Attachment 7 Program Preferences

- Major change in how scored
- Tie breaker



# Review and Scoring Process

- Significant changes made, in particular to scoring methodology
- Series of Y/N questions
- Score by project
- Average over all projects



PSP

# Maximum Grant Amount

- ▶ Table 1, Page 9
- ▶ No “by Funding Area” allocation
- ▶ Looking at statewide need for drought assistance
- ▶ Must not exceed Funding Area remaining balances
- ▶ Will meet Funding Area obligations by conclusion of Proposition 84 IRWM Program





# Proposition 84 IRWM Remaining Balances

| Funding Area   | Bond Allocation | Remaining Balance |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| North Coast    | \$37,000,000    | \$19,747,939      |
| San Francisco  | \$138,000,000   | \$73,483,858      |
| Central Coast  | \$52,000,000    | \$19,748,065      |
| LA-Ventura     | \$215,000,000   | \$96,340,789      |
| Santa Ana      | \$114,000,000   | \$74,482,996      |
| San Diego      | \$91,000,000    | \$56,512,951      |
| Sacramento     | \$73,000,000    | \$40,518,410      |
| San Joaquin    | \$57,000,000    | \$26,696,455      |
| Tulare/Kern    | \$60,000,000    | \$16,217,196      |
| Lahontan       | \$27,000,000    | \$10,705,051      |
| Colorado River | \$36,000,000    | \$16,700,000      |
| TOTALS         | \$900,000,000   | \$ 451,153,711    |



# Solicitation Schedule Reflects Expedite/Streamline

- ▶ Application Preparation Period
  - ▶ Previously 60 days minimum
  - ▶ Proposed 30 days
- ▶ DWR Review Period
  - ▶ Previously 4-6 months
  - ▶ Proposed 60 days
- ▶ Award Process
  - ▶ Previously included public comment on draft recommendations; from draft to final award 2 to 4 months
  - ▶ Proposed – No public comment period; announce final awards
- ▶ Condenses a 8-14 month effort to 3 months



# Anticipated Solicitation Schedule

- ▶ May 15 – Public Comments Due
  - ▶ Hard cutoff date
- ▶ Early June – DWR releases Final Guidelines and PSP
- ▶ Early July – Application due
  - ▶ 30 days after release of final documents
- ▶ Late August/Early September – DWR announces awards
  - ▶ Grantees must submit detailed work plans and supporting documentation 30 days of DWR notification
  - ▶ Execute grant agreements 60-90 days after receipt of above materials
- ▶ Early 2015 – Agreements executed and work commences



# Question and Answer



# Public Comments

Comments due May 15 by 5 p.m.

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# Additional Financial Assistance Resources





# Notice of Funding Availability for Interim Emergency Drinking Water

## INTRODUCTION

On March 1, 2014, Governor Brown approved a \$687.4-million emergency drought relief package to take effect immediately. As a result of the Governor's action, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approved \$4 million in funding from the Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) to provide interim replacement drinking water for economically disadvantaged communities with contaminated water supplies.

In an effort to distribute funds as quickly and efficiently as possible, the State Water Board will coordinate with the Regional Water Quality Control Boards, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) district offices, the Office of Emergency Services, and other stakeholders (e.g., environmental justice groups, community assistance groups, etc.) to identify those disadvantaged communities that are most at-risk and would benefit from financial assistance.

If you are interested in applying for this funding or need additional information, please email [DFA-CAA-DW-DroughtFund@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DFA-CAA-DW-DroughtFund@waterboards.ca.gov) or visit our website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/caa/dw\\_droughtfund/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/caa/dw_droughtfund/).

## ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

- ♦ Public Agencies
- ♦ Not-for-Profit Water Districts
- ♦ Not-for-Profit Organizations
- ♦ Tribal Governments

## ELIGIBLE PROJECTS (include, but not limited to)

- ♦ Bottled Water
- ♦ Vending Machines
- ♦ Point of Use Devices (for example, Filtration)
- ♦ Hauled Water
- ♦ Wellhead Treatment
- ♦ Planning



## HOW TO APPLY

Complete and submit a funding application, which is available online at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/caa/dw\\_droughtfund/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/caa/dw_droughtfund/). The application is also available by sending a request to the email address below. Applications may be submitted by email, fax, CD or hardcopy to:

*State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
Cleanup and Abatement  
1001 I Street, 16th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814*

Email: [DFA-CAA-DW-DroughtFund@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DFA-CAA-DW-DroughtFund@waterboards.ca.gov)

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# 2014 CFCC Funding Fairs

Please join the California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) for this **no-cost** event.

## 2014 SCHEDULE

### May 28, 2014

Cal/EPA Headquarters  
Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 "I" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### August 20, 2014

Shasta/Redding Library  
110 Parkview Ave  
Redding, CA 96001

### September 9, 2014

Fresno State University  
North Gym, Room 118  
5241 North Maple Ave  
Fresno, CA 93740

### September 11, 2014

San Luis Obispo City County Library  
995 Palm Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

### September 23, 2014

Kern County Health Department  
1800 Mt Vernon Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93306

### September 25, 2014

Eastern Municipal Water District  
2270 Trumble Road  
Perris, CA 92572

### October 9, 2014

Cal/EPA Headquarters  
Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 "I" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
The Sacramento workshop will be  
webcast. Access to the webcast will be  
available online at: [http://  
www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast).

CFCC agencies fund the following types of eligible  
infrastructure projects including:

- Drinking water
- Wastewater
- Water quality
- Water supply
- Water conservation
- Solid waste
- Energy efficiency
- Flood management
- Streets and highways
- Emergency response vehicles
- Water use efficiency
- Community facilities



## AGENDA

At each location, the Funding Fair Agenda is as follows:

Check in: 8 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Agency Presentations: 8:30 a.m.-Noon

Discuss your projects: Noon-3 p.m.

## ATTENDEE REGISTRATION

Go to [www.cfcc.ca.gov](http://www.cfcc.ca.gov) and click on **Funding Fairs**

Funding Fair Questions?

Please call (916) 447-9832 x 1029

For more information, please visit our web site at: [www.cfcc.ca.gov](http://www.cfcc.ca.gov)